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4th Infantry prepares for Rita

FORT HOOD, Texas – In order to ensure the safety of its Soldiers and equipment, the 4th Infantry Division will temporarily suspend all training by Friday in preparation for the effects of Hurricane Rita.

Soldiers in the field will halt operations and return to the cantonment area by Friday afternoon. Ongoing training events affected by the weather stand down include the 4th Brigade Combat Team's mission rehearsal exercise and other brigade gunnery operations.

Training will resume next week or as soon as it is appropriate.

The division will put up almost 500 Soldiers and civilian contractors from Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La. They are here supporting the MRE. The division will house the trainers in Starker and Raider gyms and provide motor pool space for their vehicles.

As a precaution, the division will move aircraft without hangar space to Fort Bliss' Biggs Army Airfield.

The Division will keep families informed through command channels and work with III Corps to identify suitable temporary shelter for those Soldiers who may need it.

For more information on hurricane mitigation activities at Fort Hood, turn to Channel 10 or the Fort Hood Website, <http://www.hood.army.mil/ft Hood/>.